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Applicants: Jonathan S. Stamler and Andrew J. Gow

Application No.: 08/874,992 Group: 1654

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For: NO-MODIFIED HEMOGLOBINS AND USES THEREFOR

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A 4-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 8, 1998 is respectfully requested. A Petition for a 4-month extension of time is being filed concurrently together with the appropriate fee. A Preliminary Amendment is also being filed concurrently.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated July 8, 1998, the claims of Group IV (Claims 15-17) drawn to methods for treating a disorder resulting from platelet activation, and a method for preventing thrombus formation, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the inventions of Groups I-III and V-XV (Claims 1-14 and 18-48). Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the inventions of Groups I-III and V-XV.

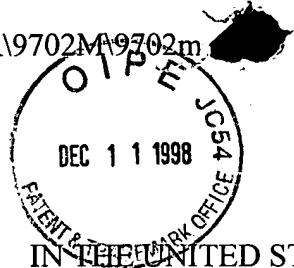
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed to accompany the Reply to the Restriction Requirement responsive to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 8, 1998 in the above-identified application. A Petition for a 4-month extension of time together with the appropriate fee are being filed to accompany the Reply to Restriction Requirement.